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LACLEDE MISSOURI

Is there no society for the protection of early robins?

Fortunately the Kaw river is minding its own business.

Would it not be a shame if spring were merely flour-flushing?

Kisses may now be sent by wire, but it is more satisfactory to go your self.

Let us hope spring has a hatpin and will use it if winter tries to linger in her lap this year.

Yellow astronomy flourishes best when there are a few comets around for it to practice on.

Newport has bought 12 flying machines. At last this country is to have real "upper circles."

As the comet is too far away to register a denial why not blame it for all the freak weather this spring?

Japan is trying to make up its mind whether or not to assimilate Korea, though it has done so already.

One feature of the sane Fourth will be a big parade. Parades have never been known to explode prematurely.

A New York man is busy trying to breed a tailless cat. We suppose he is busy at it because he has nothing else to do.

It would be a mean move against the vegetarians if the Chicago packers were to corner the string beans and mushrooms.

Chicago claims a seven-year-old child who is an expert in biology. We hope Boston will quit boasting about her 11-year-old prodigy.

One man got pricked with a sword point in a French duel. When will French duelists play safe and use only violin bows and opera hats?

What a relief it will be to certain manufacturers when they have convinced the world that oleomargarine is superior to the cow's best!

Being the divorced wife of a New York millionaire is a much more lucrative position than some others in which the duties are more exacting.

A Chicago firm bought \$50,000 worth of postage stamps all at once and did not get a cent off for cash. Uncle Sam takes care of the small consumer.

General Gordon did not stay very long in the United States senate, but he had a bully time while he was there, and others enjoyed it just as much as he did.

Countless hordes in China are likely to become hysterical at the approach of the comet. The starry visitor should allay their fears by assuming the form of a plate of chop suey.

Some of the fashionable women of London are reported to have quit smoking cigarettes and taken to pipes. We fear this will increase the demand among Englishmen for American wives.

That child of three years who sat on the Supreme court bench did not render any decisions. Her wisdom might have been all right, but she did not know enough big words to meet the requirements.

A poets' union is talked of. However, union rates in poetry would not disturb the business world, nor would a poetry strike shake financial centers to their base. In fact, the cruel suggestion is hinted that the cessation of such industry might be hailed as a relief.

A Gotham judge has decided that the pillow where a woman puts her money and jewels for safekeeping is legally as much of a safe-deposit vault as any in the land. There are some long-established feminine customs with which even the law dare not interfere.

An important tip to the people is given by the biologist who points out that the ornithological nuisance generally known as the English sparrow frequently masquerades in the restaurants as the reed-bird. Even a diet of reed-bird might help along the strike against the beef barons.

Paris may suffer, but it cannot be permanently discouraged. The eye of Lent found the gay French capital overwhelmed by floods, and the usual Mardi-Gras festivities were cut out. But that was several weeks ago, and meanwhile the waters of the Seine have subsided, and Paris is itself again. So the city has plunged into the observances of Mi-Careme, or mid-Lent, with more than the usual zest. Evidently the Paris idea is that it is better to meet misfortune with a merry heart than with a desponding spirit.

THE LATEST MARATHON.



ROOSEVELT TO VISIT KANSAS

HE CABLES AN ACCEPTANCE OF GOV. STUBBS' INVITATION.

Will Assist in Dedication of John Brown Battlefield at Osawatimie in August.

Topeka, Kansas.—"Stubbs—Topeka—accept—Roosevelt."

It was in this brief, decisive message that Col. Theodore Roosevelt told Gov. Stubbs that he would stop in Kansas this summer and assist in the dedication of the John Brown battle field at Osawatimie. The word came by cable from Porto Maurizio, Italy.

Gov. Stubbs Sent Invitation.

Ever since Colonel Roosevelt returned to civilization Gov. Stubbs has been trying to devise some plan whereby he might induce the former president to visit Kansas this summer. Later when he learned that Roosevelt intended to go to Wyoming the governor saw his opportunity to strike. So he sent this cablegram to Mr. Roosevelt at Porto Maurizio:

I voice the wish of all the people of Kansas in asking you to give us a date this summer, preferably in August, to dedicate John Brown's battle field at Osawatimie, as state park, under auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Roosevelt to Set Date.

"The anniversary of the Osawatimie battle field is August 29," Gov. Stubbs said. "And I assume from Mr. Roosevelt's cable that he will be in Kansas on that date. However, the fixing of the date is entirely up to him. It doesn't make much difference when he comes just so long as we know that he is coming. That's what counts."

The battle of Osawatimie was fought August 29, 1856. The Women's Relief Corps bought the ground upon which the battle was fought and gave it to the state. The last legislature authorized the governor to accept the gift and the fifty-fourth anniversary of the battle was set as the day for its dedication.

JONES LASSED HIS LION

The Famous Scout Cables From Africa That He Has Roped the King of Beasts.

New York, N. Y.—"Buffalo Jones," who has been roping wild animals in Africa for months, sent this cable from Nairobi:

"Lion roping successful. Everybody well."

That means that the first wild lion ever lassoed in the history of the world has been tied up as easily as Texas cowmen rope steers. Jones had roped almost every kind of animal in Africa, but he had not before tackled the lions.

A Swift Alaska Team.

Nome, Alaska.—Col. Sir. Charles Ramsey's dog team, driven by John Johnson, won the famous all-Alaska sweepstakes over the 408-mile course from Nome to Candle. The winning team negotiated the distance in 72 hours and 14 minutes.

Do Not Need the Strikers Now. Philadelphia, Pa.—Following the refusal of the striking carmen to accept terms of settlement offered by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, the directors of the company practically withdrew their offer to take back all the men.

NO DR. COOK RECORDS FOUND

No Evidence on Mount McKinley That Any Man Had Ever Made the Ascent.

Fairbanks, Alaska.—The Fairbanks expedition to Mount McKinley, the tallest peak in North America, reached the summit April 3, after a climb of one month from the base. No traces of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's alleged ascent were found.

Thomas Lloyd, leader of the expedition, has arrived here. His companions were Daniel Patterson, W. R. Taylor and Charles McGonnigle. All reached the top of the great mountain.

The expedition, which left Fairbanks December 15, while the controversy over Doctor Cook's disputed ascent was still raging, was financed by August Peterson and William McPhee of this city. The plan was to go into camp on the mountain as high as possible and, probably about the middle of May, make a dash for the summit.

Mount McKinley terminates in twin peaks of equal height, one somewhat rounded and covered with snow, the other composed of bare and wind swept rocks. On the rocky peak the Fairbanks climbers placed an American flag in a monument of stone.

The expedition, which is provided with Doctor Cook's maps and book, endeavoring to follow his alleged route but utterly failed to verify any part of his story of an ascent.

WICKERSHAM READS THEM OUT

The Attorney General Said Republicans Opposing President's Program Should Leave Party.

Chicago, Illinois.—Attorney General George W. Wickersham delivered a defense of the first year of the Taft administration in a speech before the Hamilton club here.

He reviewed in detail the accomplishments of the Taft administration, declaring in effect that no other administration could point to a brighter record in the same period. The most interesting part of his speech, however, from a political standpoint, was what he had to say of the insurgents who have combated President Taft's legislative program.

The attorney general declares that it is time now for Republicans to choose either for or against the president of the United States and the Republican party, and adds that if they can't make a positive choice it is up to them to retire from the Republican party.

PINCHOT MEETS ROOSEVELT

Ex-President and Former Chief Forester Talked Together in Seclusion of Forest.

Porto Maurizio.—Mr. Roosevelt's widely heralded meeting with Gifford Pinchot, the deposed chief forester of the United States department of agriculture, took place on the veranda of Miss Carew's villa. The interview proper took place later in the seclusion of the forest that skirts the town at the north.

Pearl Harbor Channel Filling. Honolulu.—The newly dredged channel of Pearl harbor is filling with sand. This was proved when the barge line Amaranth went ashore in the middle of the channel.

Professor for Alids' Place. Norwich, New York.—A college professor, Ralph W. Thomas of Colgate university, was nominated by the Republicans to succeed John P. Alids in the state senate.

A PARDON GRANTED COOPER

GOVERNOR FREES THE SLAYER OF EX-SENATOR CARMACK.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee Had Just Affirmed a verdict of 20 Years Imprisonment.

Nashville, Tennessee.—Col. Duncan B. Cooper, found guilty of killing ex-Senator E. W. Carmack and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, was granted a full pardon by Gov. Patterson just after the Tennessee supreme court had reaffirmed his sentence.

Robin, son of Col. Cooper, found guilty with his father of killing Carmack, was remanded to the lower court for a new trial by the supreme court. In the younger man's case the supreme court was divided, Chief Justice Beard reading a dissenting opinion.

Gov. Patterson's pardon for Col. Cooper says: "In my opinion neither of the defendants is guilty and they have not had an impartial trial." The reversal in the case of Robin is based on assignments of error in the trial judge's failing to charge separately as to Robin Cooper's theory of self-defense, linking the defense of the two defendants together.

Col. Cooper was still at the capitol when the pardon was entered in the secretary of state's office. He was at once surrounded by a crowd of friends seeking to congratulate him. He was as calm and even cheerful through it all as if he had received an acquittal. The reversal in his son's case seemed to interest and please him to the exclusion of his own fate.

FIVE NEW WORLD RECORDS

Nikrent Drove a Buick Ten Miles in 7:36:87 on the Motordrome Track.

Los Angeles, California.—Five new world's speed way records were made at the Motordrome in these five events:

Ten miles by Nikrent in a Buick in 7:36:87 shattering every record for every mile at the distance.

Ben Kersher in a Darrack drove three miles in 1:57:71, as against the new record established Saturday by Robertson on the same track of 1:58:96.

Barney Oldfield in his Benz car went against the record for one kilometer (5/8 miles) making the distance in 22:88, breaking his own former world's record by almost four seconds.

Caleb S. Bragg drove his Fiat in an attempt for one, two and three mile amateur records, lowering world's two miles standard to 1:15:96.

Ralph DePalma driving a Fiat in the 50 mile race made the distance in 37:55:53, nearly two minutes under the former record.

SOCIALISTS SAVE NEGRO VOTES

May Unite With Republicans to Prevent Disfranchisement of Blacks in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Oklahoma.—The declared purpose of the Democratic party to disfranchise the negro voters of Oklahoma has met with unexpected opposition from a source that seriously threatens the success of the undertaking. The Socialist party has announced that it will vote against the disfranchisement of any voter that belongs to the working class and has specifically included the negro in its opposition to the "grandfather" clause offered by the Democrats as an amendment to the state constitution.

Five Drown Crossing River.

Fort Smith, Arkansas.—While attempting to ford the Bush river in a wagon, Mrs. Thomas Leard, a widow, her two young children, and her sister-in-law, Miss Elizabeth Leard were drowned. Three other occupants of the wagon escaped.

RICH LOUISIANA GOLD FIELDS

Prospectors Declare it Richest South of Alaska—A Rush for the Claims.

Lake Charles, Louisiana.—A rush has begun for the new gold field discovery in Calcasieu and Vernon parishes. A great vein of 62 per cent pay dirt runs through Southwest Louisiana and Eastern Texas. Prospectors declared the field the richest south of Alaska, and a government assay is said to verify the opinion.

New Orleans, Louisiana.—Scores of persons left here for Southwest Louisiana, bound for the new Calcasieu gold fields.

Eleven Killed in a Quarry.

Easton, Pennsylvania.—Eleven men all foreigners, were crushed to death in the stone quarry of the Nazareth Portland Cement company, near Nazareth. A premature explosion tore loose 5,000 tons of stone, covering the victims.

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HAD A PRIVATE MENAGERIE

No Other Explanation for Colonel's Extraordinary Outbreak Seems Possible.

"Hit's a wonder to me," said the old family servant, "dat de ol' kunnel don't go into de circus business, out an' out—he see so many animiles 'long 'bout de Chris'mus time, an' dey does sich funny tricks! Leastways, dat what he say. Only yistiddy de preacher come ter see him, ridin' of his ol' blin' hoss—I mean de hoss what blin' in one eye—an' wen de kunnel spied him he holler out: 'Git off dem two elephants, an' tu'n dat tiger alosee, fo' he bite de life outen you! An' shoo dem two monkeys off yo' shoulder, an' don't let dat giraffe poke his long neck in my winder!' Well, suh, de preacher wuz cl'ar kerflummuxed, he wuz, seein' ez dar warn't nuttin' 't all dar bu' him an' his ol' blin' hoss; but wen he seen de kunnel grab his ol' war musket an' holler dat he'd shoot dem monkeys off his shoulder, de preacher say: 'Laud he'p him!' an' de time dat ol' blin' hoss made gittin' back ter whar he come fum wuz too quick ter be sot down in de racin' rickords!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Britain's Rulers.

Mr. Lloyd-George is pleasantly proud of his nationality, but it is amazing that he had to go back to Queen Elizabeth and the Tudors to find historical precedence for a Welsh government of Great Britain. On the other hand, England has often been ruled by Scotsmen. Of the last three premiers, two—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Balfour—were Scotch. Mr. Gladstone sat for a Scotch constituency, and so does Mr. Asquith. Ireland has always been busy supplying us with governing men. The Duke of Wellington, Lord Roberts, Lord Charles Beresford, Lord Russell and a dozen others immediately occur to me. It is odd to remember that it is centuries since Great Britain had a purely English sovereign. The Tudors were Welsh. The Stuarts were Scotch, William III. was a Dutchman and the Guelphs are of German descent.—London Chronicle.

Or Else Burn.

Andrew Carnegie apropos of his epigram about the disgrace of dying rich, said at a dinner in Washington: "Why should any one die rich? There are no pockets in a shroud, and as for the man who'd like to take his money with him, why, even if he managed to do so, it would only melt."

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